

its own shares of stock in payment of any debt or debts; CHAP. 98.
 and if any share or shares are so accepted, then and in such
 case the charter hereby granted shall immediately there-
 upon be forfeited and annulled, and each and every Direc-
 tor consenting to such acceptance, shall forfeit and pay for Penalty
 every share he consented so to accept, the sum of fifty
 dollars, the one-half to the informer, and the other half to
 the state, to be adjudged and recovered on indictment and
 confession of the party accused, in the county court of the
 county, in which he resides.

Sec. 18. *And be it enacted*, That the said Bank shall be Weekly deposits
 capable and bound according to such rules and by-laws as
 shall from time to time be adopted by the President and Di-
 rectors, to regulate the same, to receive weekly deposits
 of money from any free person or persons offering to make
 the same, and to pay an interest of five per cent per annum
 thereon, in semi annual payments; *Provided*, no such depo-
 site shall be less than fifty cents, nor exceed the sum of five
 dollars per week; *and provided*, that the amount of depo-
 sites of no weekly depositor shall at any time exceed the Limitations
 sum of two thousand dollars; *provided also*, that the said
 corporation shall not be bound to continue the receipt of
 weekly deposits, when the amount thereof shall exceed the
 sum of seventy thousand dollars; but may do so or not at
 their election.

Sec. 19. *And be it enacted*, That the said President and Investments
authorised
 Directors may in their discretion, at such times as to them
 shall seem expedient, invest in stock of the United States,
 the state of Maryland, or of the said Bank, or in the stock
 of the city of Baltimore, or some of the Banks or bodies
 corporate, created under the authority of the United States,
 or of the state of Maryland, any sum or sums of money
 which together shall not exceed the whole amount by them
 received on weekly deposits.

Sec. 20. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act con- Branches prohibi-
ted
 tained shall be so construed as to authorise and empower
 the Bank hereby incorporated to establish any branch,
 agency, office or house, for the transaction of Banking bu-
 siness, at any place other than the village of Ellicott's Mills,
 as aforesaid.

Sec. 21. *And be it enacted*, That if three thousand shares Period to go into
operation limited
 of the capital stock of said company shall not be subscrib-
 ed within two years after the passage of this act; this act,
 and all the subscriptions taken under it shall be null and void,
 and the commissioners appointed to open the books, and